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- 1. When questioned concerning rumors of large-scale Italian immigration into
 - Transjordan (reportedly as many as 60,000 Italians), informant stated that Italian-Transjordanian negotiations are nearing conclusion regarding the exploration of phosphate deposits in Transjordan.
 - 2. Operations are to be financed by Italian, Transjordanian, and (to a minor extent) British capital. Italian technicians only will be brought into Transjordan and labor will be supplied locally.
 - Informant stated to source in strict confidence that the Italian Government had approached the British with regard to these operations, and had been told that the British had no objection to the exploration of the phosphate deposits, provided that the Italians had no interest in exploration for oil.

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